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(*b*) who fixes the prices at depots of timber run by the Government as per particulars in Form 34 of the Administration Report of the Forest Department?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (*a*) No regular record is maintained. Timber extracted departmentally in both the divisions are sold in public auction and the sale records will serve the purpose of the market price of timber

" (*b*) There are no depots wherein timber is sold at fixed rates as all sales are held by public auction or by calling for tenders if public auctions fail to fetch reasonable prices. Presumably the member refers to the valuation in Form 35 (not Form 34) of the administration report; if so, the valuation is based on the average rates obtained in the division, during the year."

Price of paddy given to janmies in Malabar

* 611 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have fixed the price of paddy to be given to janmies by pattamdars and tenants in Malabar and, if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" No. Under sub-section (1) of section 51 of the Malabar Tenancy Act, the Collector of the district has to publish every month in the District Gazette, the current market price of paddy, etc., at the headquarters of each taluk and under sub-section (2) of that section, where the rent or michavaram payable in kind is to be paid in money, the paddy, etc., should be valued for the purpose of determining the sum due at the market price at the taluk headquarters last published under sub-section (1). There was some delay in publishing the price as required by the above section in Malabar district after the commencement of the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act, 1951, on 15th March 1952. Instructions have been issued to the Collectors to see that the price is published every month in future without fail."

Recruitment of Senior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies in 1952.

* 612 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government advertised for Senior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies in 1952;

(*b*) how many did the Government advertise for;

(*c*) how many the Government selected; and

(*d*) how many the Government appointed?